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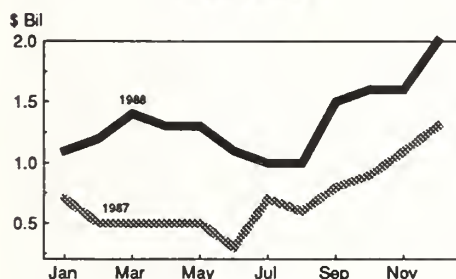
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

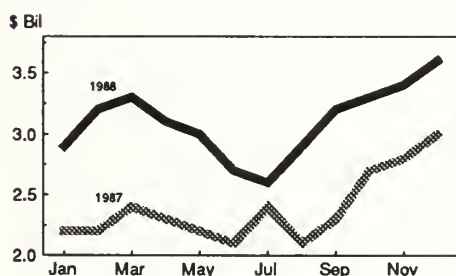
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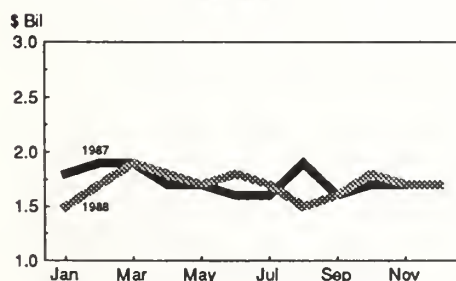
Trade Balance



Exports



Imports



Trade Surplus Surges - December's agricultural trade surplus approached \$2 billion, its highest level in 48 months. Farm product exports continued to expand seasonally, while imports declined. Calendar year 1988's trade surplus exceeded \$16 billion, almost double 1987's \$8.3 billion, and the largest since 1984.

Exports - Agricultural exports totaled \$3.6 billion during December, up 8 percent from the previous month, with gains in corn, wheat, barley, sorghum, soybeans, soybean meal, cotton, and rice. Slight declines occurred for meat, hides, and vegetable oils. Calendar year 1988's farm product export value surged 29 percent above the previous year to \$37 billion, as export volume and prices increased for most commodities. Grains and feeds rose the fastest, posting a \$4.5 billion gain. Soybeans, soybean meal, vegetable oils, livestock products, cotton, and tobacco values were also higher.

Soybean exports climbed more than 200,000 tons to nearly 1.9 million tons in December, with increased shipments to the EC, Mexico, and the USSR. During 1988, soybean export volume plunged 16 percent because drought reduced the U.S. crop, but higher prices raised total value 11 percent to \$4.9 billion.

Corn exports gained another \$50 million during December. Larger shipments to Korea, Mexico, Spain, Canada, Bulgaria, East Germany, and Algeria boosted total volume to nearly 4.5 million tons. For 1988, volume grew 14 percent and value by 58 percent.

Wheat export volume rose to 2.7 million tons in December due to larger

shipments to China, Algeria, and Pakistan. Wheat prices continued to strengthen in world markets, raising average U.S. export unit values to \$157 per ton from November's \$155.

Cotton export volume in December rose 68 percent over the previous month to more than 145,000 tons, with larger shipments to Japan, Korea, China, and Iraq.

Imports - Total agricultural imports in December fell 4 percent from November's value to less than \$1.7 billion. Coffee declined 11 percent to \$171 million. Reductions also occurred in hogs, beef, grain products, wine, beer, and tobacco. During calendar year 1988, agricultural imports gained marginally to just under \$21 billion, with gains in competitive products slightly outweighing declines for most tropical products:

Special Notice - The Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 requires reporting of U.S. trade statistics in accordance with the International Harmonized System (HS) beginning in 1989. January trade data in HS format will be released by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 15. Changes in statistical coding and commodity descriptions may delay this newsletter as well as **Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States**. We will attempt to construct commodity group reporting categories which will provide maximum comparability with historical data, and release that information to subscribers as quickly as possible.
(Tom Warden, 202 786-1822)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	28,709,118	37,093,081	--	--	2,982,852	3,624,295
Animals & animal products (NA)	--	--	5,155,850	6,421,940	--	--	467,504	565,947
Animals live - ex poultry (NO)	282	2,311	329,054	522,574	27	138	33,810	57,154
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	131	321	105,238	201,841	13	32	12,955	20,171
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	20	28	213,970	266,868	2	3	19,854	32,286
Swine - live (NO)	7	91	6,211	16,706	1	30	583	3,071
Other live animals (NO)	124	1,871	3,635	37,159	11	74	418	1,625
Meats & meat products (MT)	535	678	1,366,044	1,973,515	50	61	124,748	177,235
Beef & veal (MT)	211	229	771,171	1,109,033	18	20	67,339	96,998
Beef & veal - fresh or froz (MT)	207	224	755,007	1,088,395	18	20	65,998	95,128
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	4	5	16,164	20,638	0	0	1,341	1,870
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	41	52	80,515	105,124	4	5	7,768	9,928
Pork (MT)	35	63	128,896	249,440	4	6	15,556	23,138
Pork - fresh or froz (MT)	29	55	114,774	226,868	4	5	13,550	20,749
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	6	8	14,122	22,572	1	1	2,006	2,390
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	232	315	347,701	456,795	21	28	29,251	42,220
Other meats- fresh or prep (MT)	16	20	37,762	53,124	2	2	4,835	4,951
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	601,508	689,048	--	--	53,280	69,783
Poultry - live (NO)	36,220	43,603	75,573	83,688	3,696	3,068	6,996	6,627
Baby chicks (NO)	31,209	38,841	67,193	75,965	3,495	2,754	6,767	6,048
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	8,380	7,723	--	--	229	579
Poultry meats (MT)	380	404	403,495	458,117	33	44	33,444	52,549
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	346	358	358,688	398,314	29	40	28,587	47,125
Turkeys - fresh or froz (MT)	16	23	16,884	24,280	2	2	2,077	2,208
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	13	15	15,137	16,721	1	1	1,154	1,612
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	6	8	12,786	18,802	1	1	1,625	1,604
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	3	2	34,069	30,052	0	0	2,556	2,052
Eggs (NA)	--	--	88,371	117,191	--	--	10,284	8,555
Dairy prods (MT)	412	399	483,856	572,570	20	33	27,466	52,389
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	2	3	2,150	4,063	0	0	122	160
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	299	219	199,650	242,249	11	12	7,563	18,330
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	14	9	15,771	10,382	2	1	1,774	1,153
Cheese (MT)	20	24	35,726	45,600	1	2	2,649	3,679
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	29	71	20,788	41,201	3	6	1,637	4,063
Other dairy prods (MT)	47	73	209,770	229,075	4	12	13,720	25,005
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,214	1,410	431,198	576,504	146	135	52,385	52,765
Lard (MT)	48	58	22,968	28,826	6	7	2,669	3,361
Tallow - inedible (MT)	1,072	1,216	362,428	477,238	133	110	46,339	41,055
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	94	136	45,801	70,441	7	18	3,377	8,349
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,731,149	1,829,570	--	--	155,886	131,885
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	23,213	24,350	1,306,075	1,465,092	1,341	1,961	119,792	106,537
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	21,495	25,120	--	--	1,884	2,691
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	122,647	148,578	--	--	12,136	12,317
Furskins (NA)	--	--	280,932	190,779	--	--	22,074	10,340
Mink pelts (NO)	2,712	2,537	106,089	89,028	115	182	4,309	6,356
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	174,843	101,751	--	--	17,766	3,984
Wool & mohair (MT)	7	7	46,877	40,559	1	0	3,556	2,265
Sausage casings (MT)	9	11	24,335	30,045	1	1	2,599	2,830
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	35,722	45,623	--	--	2,897	5,620
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	36	60	106,107	141,934	4	4	10,878	14,020
Grains & feeds (MT)	94,413	111,241	9,423,474	14,003,487	9,065	9,566	934,276	1,376,926
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	30,618	40,523	3,043,458	4,888,192	3,092	2,726	311,549	427,995
Wheat flour (MT)	1,294	1,170	202,946	195,540	86	170	10,316	24,060
Bulgur wheat (MT)	151	128	26,002	30,981	17	13	3,233	2,749
Other wheat prods (MT)	8	14	7,101	9,549	1	1	647	816
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,494	2,298	576,300	805,026	159	310	54,153	87,285
Feed grains & prods (MT)	49,039	55,271	3,917,042	5,991,623	4,659	5,426	394,422	655,106
Feed grains (MT)	48,763	55,031	3,844,077	5,912,310	4,635	5,407	388,560	647,859
Barley (MT)	2,982	2,175	242,864	190,386	339	329	29,022	38,965
Corn (MT)	40,765	46,356	3,208,880	5,063,353	3,757	4,376	316,668	532,526
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,996	6,463	390,083	654,468	538	690	42,851	74,986
Oats (MT)	10	7	1,373	869	0	0	17	46
Rye (MT)	10	30	1,876	3,233	0	12	2	1,336
Feed grain prods (MT)	276	240	72,965	79,313	24	19	5,861	7,247
Popcorn (MT)	51	67	24,579	33,891	7	6	3,638	3,506
Blended food prods (MT)	160	193	40,186	59,503	20	16	5,332	5,021
Other grain prods (MT)	177	242	128,202	174,087	14	25	10,425	17,556
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,421	11,336	1,457,659	1,815,095	1,011	874	140,563	152,833
Corn by-products (MT)	6,058	6,048	782,504	876,629	579	516	75,340	75,552
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	584	678	75,310	96,776	44	46	5,435	6,800
Beet pulp (MT)	708	777	85,516	90,915	145	43	15,795	5,599
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	518	625	56,343	81,795	5	23	562	2,744
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,552	3,207	457,987	668,981	239	246	43,431	62,139
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,783	2,006	1,296,988	1,497,055	147	159	99,172	110,726
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,500	1,707	938,558	1,093,196	123	131	69,036	74,085
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	926	973	496,112	533,924	62	64	33,395	32,607
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	367	463	169,239	222,186	27	28	13,601	12,897
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	152	145	95,613	102,392	14	11	8,211	5,820
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	398	355	223,853	201,081	20	24	11,037	13,421
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	9	10	7,406	8,266	1	1	545	468
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	574	734	442,446	559,272	61	67	35,642	41,478
Apples - fresh (MT)	209	290	96,333	138,241	41	40	16,305	19,574
Grapes - fresh (MT)	108	133	108,008	129,457	7	12	8,100	11,298
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	257	311	238,105	291,574	13	15	11,237	10,606
Fruits - dried (MT)	149	168	237,570	269,333	14	15	20,974	24,427
Raisins - dried (MT)	85	99	128,697	154,554	8	10	11,634	14,356
Prunes - dried (MT)	55	59	87,913	94,772	5	5	8,041	8,213
Other dried fruits (MT)	10	10	20,961	20,007	1	1	1,299	1,859
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	68	75	69,232	79,648	5	7	5,361	7,026

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Commodity group and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Fruits - frozen excl juice (MT)	29	30	24,537	27,870	2	3	1,920	2,218
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	36	26	27,091	27,008	2	3	1,880	2,969
Fruit juices incl frozen (HL)	4,283	5,732	186,533	264,905	299	386	14,059	17,724
Orange juice (HL)	2,125	2,556	86,821	121,497	154	169	7,503	8,256
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,158	3,176	99,712	143,407	144	217	6,556	9,468
Wine (HL)	42	59	57,117	79,655	3	4	4,847	5,138
Nuts & preparations (MT)	421	431	804,165	883,866	35	42	71,989	76,832
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	123	184	464,888	587,129	14	14	45,119	45,147
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	206	149	154,654	120,843	14	20	10,632	15,812
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	74	74	120,489	103,442	5	6	8,742	7,442
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	6,113	8,465	0	0	359	936
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	8	22	58,022	63,987	2	2	7,136	7,495
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	1,611	1,890	1,158,012	1,362,594	180	202	118,334	149,766
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	580	639	269,499	313,278	81	66	33,060	29,711
Celery - fresh (MT)	51	58	15,937	18,892	7	7	2,150	2,296
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	150	158	47,870	51,070	33	21	10,716	6,502
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	49	39	18,825	14,804	1	3	4,483	1,202
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	66	73	42,103	46,916	7	6	4,214	3,859
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	264	311	144,764	181,597	33	29	15,497	15,852
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	191	251	143,335	181,432	20	20	14,040	15,012
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	112	140	82,583	96,287	11	11	7,343	7,451
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	80	111	60,752	85,145	9	9	6,697	7,561
Vegetables - canned (MT)	141	190	111,850	158,052	15	27	11,967	21,297
Pulses (MT)	459	535	211,751	239,635	42	63	18,390	35,474
Dried beans (MT)	318	363	163,816	181,580	29	48	14,314	28,410
Dried peas (MT)	111	131	35,410	40,943	11	10	3,187	3,901
Dried lentils (MT)	29	42	12,526	17,113	2	6	888	3,163
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	8	9	60,130	63,942	1	1	6,847	5,541
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	232	265	361,447	406,255	22	25	34,032	42,730
Oilseeds & products (MT)	29,363	26,671	6,446,470	7,695,384	2,994	2,558	699,721	789,377
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,098	6,475	1,233,221	1,612,882	603	545	135,083	152,948
Soybean meal (MT)	5,921	6,282	1,210,682	1,579,696	584	539	132,527	152,141
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	176	192	22,539	33,186	18	6	2,556	807
Oilseeds (MT)	22,044	18,558	4,587,412	5,100,703	2,258	1,918	500,213	575,654
Soybeans (MT)	21,592	18,137	4,378,054	4,863,219	2,206	1,885	479,452	552,704
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	273	211	74,660	82,220	37	12	10,052	7,068
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	52	42	41,737	35,541	4	6	2,904	5,238
Other oilseeds (MT)	88	107	25,361	30,018	7	6	1,443	1,659
Protein substances (MT)	39	61	67,601	89,705	4	8	6,361	8,986
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,221	1,639	625,837	981,799	134	96	64,426	60,775
Soybean oil (MT)	630	875	263,464	476,973	61	54	25,461	28,984
Cottonseed oil (MT)	110	171	51,620	90,899	15	7	6,564	4,190
Sunflower oil (MT)	204	260	86,697	126,537	30	11	11,484	6,297
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	277	332	224,056	287,390	28	23	20,918	21,305
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	195	219	1,090,022	1,251,746	30	21	183,645	132,404
Tobacco - burley (MT)	45	47	256,178	307,584	2	1	9,220	9,328
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	102	121	656,933	757,478	24	16	162,218	108,149
Other tobacco - unmgf (MT)	48	50	176,911	186,683	3	3	12,207	14,928
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1,315	1,301	1,630,784	1,975,113	157	146	244,048	206,850
Cotton linters (MT)	26	45	10,800	16,894	3	5	967	2,076
Essential oils (MT)	8	8	113,758	122,834	1	1	12,359	13,680
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	307	304	382,736	430,288	43	49	59,166	67,080
Sugar & tropical prods (MT)	1,091	1,376	688,855	775,153	94	673	51,546	76,058
Sugar & related prods (MT)	988	1,253	202,210	216,714	86	658	16,905	17,332
Sugar (MT)	573	890	111,325	102,958	37	616	8,440	4,709
Related sugar prods (MT)	415	363	90,885	113,756	49	42	8,465	12,623
Coffee (MT)	14	12	88,563	75,922	1	2	5,680	8,851
Cocoa (MT)	7	8	14,788	17,499	0	1	640	1,803
Chocolate & prep (MT)	25	36	84,170	130,989	2	4	7,886	17,111
Tea & mate (MT)	2	3	15,066	17,030	0	0	1,502	1,545
Spices (MT)	8	9	24,582	27,282	1	1	2,019	2,461
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	26	25	223,483	239,056	2	2	14,829	18,989
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	21	30	35,068	49,322	1	5	2,000	7,865
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	1	1	925	1,339	0	0	83	100
Other misc veg prods (MT)	23	26	126,457	139,328	2	2	11,214	19,654
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	67,171	83,797	--	--	5,172	7,717
Beverages ex juices (HL)	113	153	69,928	89,042	9	11	4,832	6,339
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	8,583,926	10,349,880	--	--	756,982	800,785
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	2,274,531	2,515,560	--	--	226,934	200,218
Fish and shellfish (MT)	532	662	1,621,848	2,223,853	24	73	98,348	105,181
Fish - fresh or prep (MT)	278	361	1,068,979	1,473,529	15	16	60,697	55,468
Shellfish (MT)	57	75	378,489	476,435	4	7	24,977	34,673
Other fish products (MT)	197	226	174,379	273,888	6	50	12,673	15,040
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	266	284	1,466,240	1,670,442	23	23	144,200	140,584
Fungicides (MT)	43	37	205,346	228,384	4	3	22,827	21,398
Herbicides (MT)	144	164	764,090	906,150	12	12	78,465	72,154
Insecticides (MT)	59	56	360,645	382,959	5	4	34,039	32,084
Other pesticides (MT)	20	27	136,158	152,949	1	3	8,869	14,948
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	911,735	1,039,160	--	--	69,380	81,680
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	56	70	424,856	463,144	5	7	28,942	35,963
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	486,879	576,016	--	--	40,438	45,718
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,309,573	2,900,865	--	--	218,120	273,122

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	20,402,178	20,950,723	--	--	1,705,388	1,670,145
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	6,621,192	6,263,171	--	--	541,460	491,913
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,072	3,020	818,774	832,282	227	234	59,696	64,880
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,232	965	2,907,771	2,470,179	67	65	166,873	170,645
Cocoa & prods (MT)	556	512	1,193,609	1,002,773	71	53	154,621	87,803
Tea (MT)	78	91	106,299	129,618	5	8	6,919	11,975
Spices (MT)	102	119	416,609	333,798	9	9	33,131	26,412
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	832	866	760,176	1,022,557	80	75	83,103	92,847
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	7,449	6,511	0	0	903	668
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	2,259	590	48,536	46,224	1	1	3,237	2,494
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	47	38	22,969	23,974	7	2	2,573	1,615
Essential oils (MT)	12	13	115,546	147,593	1	1	11,950	12,063
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	50	54	205,711	229,544	3	4	16,716	19,391
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	17,742	18,118	--	--	1,737	1,121
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	13,780,987	14,687,553	--	--	1,163,927	1,178,232
Animals & products (NA)	--	--	4,935,203	5,200,376	--	--	440,261	395,199
Animals-live, excl poultry (NO)	1,757	2,294	530,446	745,650	368	198	114,109	68,996
Cattle (NO)	1,200	1,332	421,362	598,258	311	137	104,218	57,299
Horses & mules (NO)	10	10	56,340	63,337	1	1	4,803	6,293
Swine (NO)	446	836	49,488	78,942	51	53	4,578	5,269
Other live animals (NO)	100	115	3,256	5,112	5	7	511	135
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,250	1,263	2,761,500	2,720,107	71	74	163,597	164,430
Beef & veal (MT)	745	781	1,562,215	1,679,303	31	36	70,311	77,451
Beef & veal - fresh or froz (MT)	671	703	1,333,208	1,487,907	26	31	55,576	63,327
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	74	77	229,007	191,396	5	5	14,734	14,124
Pork (MT)	461	438	1,096,323	933,460	36	34	84,400	74,479
Pork - fresh or froz (MT)	302	283	579,912	477,376	22	19	38,886	32,181
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	160	156	516,411	456,084	14	15	45,515	42,297
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	18	20	32,741	39,886	1	1	2,482	3,369
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	17	19	31,686	37,564	1	1	2,287	2,925
Mutton goat & lamb-prep/pres (MT)	0	1	1,055	2,322	0	0	195	444
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	10	9	12,375	12,122	1	1	671	909
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	4	3	17,325	20,492	0	1	2,055	4,476
Other meats & prods (MT)	12	12	40,517	34,820	1	1	3,678	3,740
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	113,427	96,774	--	--	9,701	7,085
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	9,665	7,285	--	--	896	292
Poultry meat (MT)	4	3	13,514	12,441	0	0	864	672
Eggs (NA)	--	--	14,836	15,194	--	--	1,307	1,023
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	12	10	75,413	61,854	1	1	6,634	5,098
Dairy products (MT)	401	345	830,856	874,734	33	29	87,935	79,096
Milk & cream, fresh or dried (MT)	15	14	14,326	13,704	2	1	2,114	1,087
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	1	1	1,880	1,960	0	0	121	263
Cheese (MT)	120	115	389,869	360,762	11	12	36,422	39,042
Casein & mixtures (MT)	108	85	241,674	291,751	13	4	32,726	20,512
Other dairy prods (MT)	157	131	183,107	206,555	7	11	16,551	18,192
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	19	20	17,311	19,383	2	1	1,559	1,529
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	300,043	255,594	--	--	21,148	29,534
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	6	6	39,312	42,114	1	1	3,780	4,411
Other hides & skins (MT)	28	28	42,779	59,496	2	2	4,256	5,185
Furskins (NA)	--	--	217,952	153,985	--	--	13,111	19,938
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	44	42	170,882	259,140	5	3	22,904	22,544
Sausage casings (MT)	12	13	61,102	69,103	1	2	5,327	8,674
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	3,839	2,714	--	--	324	231
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	145,798	157,178	--	--	13,656	13,080
Grains and feeds (MT)	2,425	3,139	748,316	909,131	227	214	68,941	76,590
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	315	434	34,569	57,885	22	14	2,920	2,006
Oats, unmilled (MT)	511	827	43,954	105,320	37	68	4,423	11,801
Barley, unmilled (MT)	201	255	16,462	24,801	25	11	2,084	2,033
Rice (MT)	87	107	35,876	53,996	9	8	4,190	4,090
Biscuits, wafers, cookies (MT)	131	125	276,913	269,841	10	10	21,254	22,287
Pasta & noodles (MT)	102	106	79,405	85,266	9	10	7,443	8,525
Other grains & preps (MT)	254	254	136,393	145,747	27	17	11,848	13,625
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	824	1,032	124,745	166,275	88	76	14,780	12,222
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,599	1,671	986,636	1,041,757	103	116	63,440	73,971
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,160	1,190	638,471	658,850	75	67	38,551	36,124
Strawberries (MT)	49	47	43,238	35,545	2	2	2,546	3,258
Apples, fresh (MT)	133	122	62,233	53,128	4	4	1,382	1,925
Citrus, fresh (MT)	83	90	26,138	19,409	14	11	4,953	3,207
Grapes, fresh (MT)	249	309	211,173	254,385	9	8	8,479	7,622
Mangoes (MT)	52	35	30,941	28,877	0	0	8	38
Melons (MT)	352	338	90,853	84,991	28	23	8,436	6,688
Pineapples (MT)	81	82	23,754	30,316	7	6	2,267	2,282
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	160	167	150,140	152,199	11	13	10,480	11,104
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	439	481	348,165	382,906	28	49	24,889	37,847
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	245	253	154,044	156,987	12	23	8,690	14,514
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	194	228	194,120	225,920	16	25	16,199	23,533
Orange juice (HL)	19,797	15,644	456,136	554,414	1,696	1,602	46,857	60,746
Other fruit juices (HL)	11,879	11,015	275,247	269,470	859	1,376	20,531	29,178
Nuts & preparations (MT)	151	135	383,932	316,640	19	12	36,444	28,387
Brazil nuts (MT)	11	9	15,445	14,806	0	1	707	1,923
Cashew nuts (MT)	43	39	265,068	195,706	4	3	21,507	14,867
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	7,206	9,058	1	1	1,575	2,340
Coconut meat (MT)	52	44	42,601	41,987	3	4	2,778	3,953
Filberts (MT)	2	3	8,116	10,530	0	1	645	2,057
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	10,550	13,631	0	0	1,200	1,821
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	1	3,725	5,068	0	0	729	82
Other nuts (MT)	38	33	31,222	25,855	11	3	7,303	1,345

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity (continued)

Commodity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,493	2,503	1,534,954	1,615,093	227	201	136,603	142,779
Vegetables - fresh or froz (MT)	1,715	1,681	714,708	721,536	165	119	70,759	61,068
Tomatoes (MT)	417	370	167,030	157,808	16	7	8,115	3,130
Asparagus (MT)	15	15	19,483	19,339	0	1	897	1,166
Beans (MT)	12	14	9,585	10,966	1	1	1,618	1,431
Carrots (MT)	45	53	9,878	13,407	9	4	1,665	947
Cucumbers (MT)	216	194	63,563	45,645	42	26	10,386	7,201
Eggplant (MT)	16	17	7,007	8,377	3	1	1,696	689
Garlic (MT)	17	17	16,588	10,798	0	0	116	4
Onions (MT)	167	185	63,298	81,209	13	11	7,484	9,361
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	28	36	25,846	32,657	3	4	2,753	4,339
Peppers (MT)	119	125	66,040	72,037	10	8	7,145	6,755
Potatoes (MT)	225	222	51,597	46,890	22	14	3,703	3,584
Squash (MT)	70	64	37,879	32,469	8	9	5,002	4,272
Other vegg - fr or froz (MT)	367	368	176,912	189,934	37	33	20,178	18,190
Vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	778	822	820,246	893,557	62	82	65,844	81,711
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	76	73	112,087	131,541	6	6	9,791	11,027
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	69	49	124,997	113,624	3	1	6,212	3,476
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	34,329	27,076	0	0	909	1,085
Artichokes - prep (MT)	19	16	25,445	32,695	1	0	892	731
Asparagus - prep (MT)	3	2	5,217	5,770	0	0	621	493
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	135	133	69,630	81,467	14	19	7,550	12,445
Waterchestnuts (MT)	33	33	26,659	25,120	2	2	1,293	1,763
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	43	44	20,272	22,001	2	3	1,159	1,927
Other vegetables-prep/pres (MT)	395	465	401,610	454,262	34	50	37,416	48,764
Sugar & related prods (MT)	2,539	2,578	630,112	689,894	116	255	31,889	73,931
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,187	1,214	380,584	437,738	50	134	15,252	53,050
Molasses - inedible (MT)	962	987	63,734	73,123	27	93	1,145	7,507
Confectionery prods (MT)	43	39	67,167	61,106	3	2	4,115	4,139
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	347	339	118,627	117,926	35	26	11,377	9,235
Spices (MT)	22	23	28,773	32,597	2	2	2,780	3,142
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	224	197	627,321	560,682	15	5	44,197	13,673
Tobacco - filler (MT)	181	166	580,418	524,548	13	4	41,595	12,041
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	17	13	23,216	15,422	1	1	1,343	587
Other unmgf tobacco (MT)	26	18	23,687	20,712	1	0	1,260	1,046
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	15,619	15,174	1,961,590	1,947,407	1,175	999	162,966	138,429
Wine (HL)	3,230	2,957	966,364	938,581	252	236	89,695	73,922
Malt beverages (HL)	10,987	10,977	882,019	918,383	848	665	67,129	56,941
Other beverages (HL)	1,402	1,239	113,207	90,443	74	98	6,142	7,566
Oilseeds & products (MT)	1,595	1,893	643,070	919,439	127	176	60,745	90,005
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	174	273	57,779	94,188	15	28	5,774	9,887
Flaxseed (MT)	60	109	8,798	29,515	0	7	5,404	5,404
Sesameseed (MT)	37	33	26,542	25,702	5	2	3,254	2,007
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	78	131	22,439	38,972	9	8	2,450	2,476
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,161	1,346	551,919	776,438	87	121	50,921	74,814
Castor oil (MT)	43	30	29,928	27,909	6	1	5,645	1,214
Coconut oil (MT)	506	445	186,858	225,067	31	28	13,935	15,258
Olive oil (MT)	64	74	104,494	130,362	6	10	10,757	16,062
Palm oil (MT)	188	175	54,984	60,264	16	13	5,283	5,472
Palm kernel oil (MT)	183	209	72,483	110,420	14	26	6,376	13,603
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	178	414	103,173	222,416	14	42	8,923	23,206
Oilcake & meal (MT)	260	274	33,372	48,813	25	28	4,050	5,305
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1	0	703	449	0	0	241	154
Cotton linters (MT)	43	25	7,756	6,771	3	1	920	327
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	131	146	154,112	155,407	9	10	11,959	14,779
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	243,609	283,505	--	--	21,604	23,666
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	132,335	145,664	--	--	9,880	9,272
Other vegetable prods (MT)	14	14	31,180	38,856	1	1	3,667	4,003
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	9,042,322	8,853,034	--	--	857,764	804,010
Fertilizers (MT)	14,648	15,880	1,130,163	1,443,115	1,583	1,558	137,669	150,830
Potassium (MT)	6,692	6,927	431,038	617,562	779	572	70,329	53,355
Nitrogen (MT)	6,633	7,305	541,377	647,502	700	818	57,587	82,334
Phosphate (MT)	657	892	50,177	58,722	65	108	3,784	5,703
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	665	756	107,572	119,328	39	59	5,969	9,438
Fish and shellfish (MT)	32,847	45,084	5,516,200	4,679,569	4,226	5,603	478,444	455,469
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	951	691	2,617,707	1,846,458	59	50	183,123	137,343
Shellfish (MT)	346	341	2,751,806	2,696,642	34	39	283,869	304,801
Fish products, other (MT)	31,551	44,052	146,687	136,469	4,133	5,515	11,452	13,325
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	70	61	372,324	358,938	8	2	46,927	11,769
Fungicides (MT)	7	6	38,456	48,852	1	0	4,013	5,166
Herbicides (MT)	30	31	159,819	177,529	4	1	21,526	5,988
Insecticides (MT)	13	11	99,619	82,321	1	0	13,643	615
Other pesticides (MT)	20	13	74,430	50,236	2	0	7,745	0
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,940,169	2,288,881	--	--	187,105	175,625
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	135	105	1,014,196	1,176,208	8	7	98,382	87,439
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	925,973	1,112,673	--	--	88,723	88,186
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	83,466	82,530	--	--	7,619	10,316

-- = Not available. Zero in quantity field indicates less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. Agricultural Trade Summary (\$ Million)

Item	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
				Percent
Agricultural exports	3,350.0	3,624.3	37,093.1	29.2
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,925.3	1,920.9	23,132.5	2.2
Imports (Customs val.)	1,739.3	1,670.1	20,950.7	2.7
Trade Balance:				
Exports minus cif imports	1,424.7	1,703.4	13,960.6	131.8
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,610.7	1,954.2	16,142.4	94.3

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Table 4--Leading U.S. Agricultural Export Markets (in \$Mil)

Destination	1987	1988	% Change
Japan	5,723	7,641	33
Korea, Rep.	1,833	2,274	24
USSR	938	2,246	139
Mexico	1,202	2,234	85
Netherlands 1/	1,986	2,051	3
Canada 2/	1,808	2,019	11
Taiwan	1,285	1,661	29
Germany, Fed. Rep.	1,285	1,205	-6
Spain	666	883	32
Egypt	679	841	23
United Kingdom	661	835	26
Iraq	539	808	50
China, P.R.	362	759	109
Italy	697	692	0
Venezuela	494	683	38
Algeria	310	596	91
France	524	536	2
Hong Kong	466	489	4
Saudi Arabia	483	453	-6
India	110	450	309
Pakistan	138	393	184

1/ Not adjusted for transshipments.

2/ Adjusted for transshipments. Excludes substantial amounts of undocumented exports.

Table 5--U.S. Agricultural Exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
					Percent
Total	3,302.0	3,350.0	3,624.3	37,093.1	29.2
Live animals	88.8	80.2	63.8	606.3	49.9
Meat & prep.	242.5	258.4	229.8	2,431.6	37.4
Hides & skins	144.4	143.7	131.9	1,829.6	5.7
Wheat	377.0	395.6	428.0	4,888.2	60.6
Rice	79.7	81.2	87.3	805.0	39.7
Corn	559.8	480.0	532.5	5,063.4	57.8
Other feed grains	62.3	63.2	115.3	848.9	33.6
Animal feeds	279.1	299.1	305.8	3,428.0	27.4
Soybeans	421.1	487.7	552.7	4,863.2	11.1
Vegetable oils	92.0	65.2	60.8	981.8	56.9
Horticult. prod.	429.9	392.9	367.9	4,171.8	16.9
Cotton & linters	72.2	123.2	208.9	1,992.0	21.3
Tobacco, unmg.	84.6	129.2	132.4	1,251.7	14.8

Table 6--U.S. Agricultural Imports (Customs value) (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Oct	Nov	Dec	CY to date	Chg. fm prev. yr
Total	1,741.7	1,739.3	1,670.1	20,950.7	2.7
Live animals	54.4	58.6	69.3	752.9	39.4
Meat & prep.	196.9	199.7	165.1	2,732.5	-1.5
Dairy prod.	81.6	83.5	79.1	874.7	5.3
Grains & feeds	91.3	95.8	76.6	909.1	21.5
Fruits & nuts	242.6	257.6	257.2	3,014.6	3.2
Vegetables	109.2	130.0	142.8	1,615.1	5.2
Vegetable oils	80.2	77.4	74.8	776.4	40.7
Wine	114.0	113.9	73.9	938.6	-2.9
Coffee	194.5	192.5	170.6	2,470.2	-15.0
Cocoa	59.7	59.4	87.8	1,002.8	-16.0
Rubber, natural	90.4	95.3	92.8	1,022.6	34.5
Tobacco, unmg.	47.0	38.9	13.7	560.7	-10.6
Sugar	64.6	33.1	53.0	437.7	15.0

Numbers in parentheses are negative.

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